

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2018
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN OGLESBY.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: ABSENT	GARY LOWE: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT
PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: ABSENT	

WORK SESSION:

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO POLICE OFFICER GRANT HOFFERICA AND POLICE OFFICER HAROLD HESTER BY MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY SEAN GERTNER.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO REVIEWED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:42 p.m.

Jean Roseti, 800 Cedar Street, questioned the rental fees for the Lakehurst Community Center.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso responded the fees for renting the Lakehurst Community Center are \$400 for residents and \$500 for non-residents and added that a Certificate of Liability and a Hold Harmless Agreement would be required.

Council President Oglesby reminded residents who own a spigot meter to bring them in now that the cold weather is here.

Mr. Oglesby stated he will be attending a seminar regarding what municipalities can do with abandoned properties and foreclosures. Mr. Oglesby added that a link was given to review the demographics of Lakehurst Borough compare to Ocean County and to the State of New Jersey. Mr. Oglesby also added the demographics show the borough's taxes decreased whereas county's taxes increased, caused by the median housing value that decreased as well but not at the same rate as the taxes. Mr. Oglesby further added, on the education portion of the demographics, Lakehurst students did not fair well in the PARCC testing compared to the New Jersey statistics. Mr. Oglesby went on to say he is not passing judgement on the school but wants to recognize the problem, address it and take care of it.

Mr. Oglesby also stated the ordinance committee finished the draft for the backyard chicken ordinance adding a decision needs to be made tonight on the zoning restrictions. Mr. Oglesby pointed out the borough has four residential zones, R-1 single-family resident with a lot size of 75x125, R-2 single-family with a lot size of 60x125, R-3 single-family duplex with a lot size of 37x125, and R-4 which is the townhouses. Mr. Oglesby added the chicken ordinance says the chicken coop and run enclosure is not to exceed twenty-five percent of the available backyard therefore R-4 will not be allowed.

Councilman Lowe concurred with chickens being permitted in zones R-1, R-2, and R-3.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner asked properties that are pre-existing, non-conforming for example, a residence meets R-1 requirements but is in a business zone, would they need a variance.

Mr. Oglesby responded there are two built-in size restrictions, one is the chicken coop and run enclosure can not exceed twenty-five percent of the backyard and the other is the coop must be at least three-square feet per hen; therefore, a resident with a smaller backyard is not excluded but just won't have as many chickens as one who has a larger backyard.

Municipal Clerk Dugan added the chicken coop and run enclosure are considered an accessory structure and would have to meet the side and rear yard set-backs.

Mr. Oglesby added there will be a chicken advisory board that will check the potential chicken owner's backyard to be sure it is suitable for chickens and make recommendations either for or against the chicken coop.

Consensus reached to allow chickens in Zones R-1, R-2, R-3.

Time closed: 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Gary Lowe
To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Gary Lowe Seconded by: James Davis
To approve minutes of October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #18-169: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #18-170: Resolution re: Raffles licenses for Deborah Hospital Foundation Holiday City Chapter Berkeley
3. #18-171: Resolution re: Approval of First Aid Squad cadet membership for Shawn Konoske
4. #18-172: Resolution re: Award of Contract for NJ DOT funded Pine Street Curb and Sidewalk Project Phase II to Earle Asphalt Co.
5. #18-173: Resolution re: Approval of Membership in Lakehurst Fire Department for Richard Adair and George Martin

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event scheduled at the Community Center on November 17, 2018.

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER X OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED PARKS, LAKES AND RECREATION AREAS”

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

need rewiring adding they put in a work order to JCP&L and got an estimate back of four hundred dollars to fourteen hundred dollars and that they will be out next year.

Councilman McCarthy reported he attended the Board of Education meeting last Tuesday night adding the Board of Education reported that it is not possible to open the school in November and that they are now looking to open in January. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that during the remediation, twenty-seven rooms needed the carpet removed but under the carpet is asbestos.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the new three-year-old Pre-K program will begin on November 12th adding their class rooms will be housed in the trailers that were just installed in front of the school. Mr. McCarthy went on to say there is the possibility of re-opening the Pre-K wing along with the media center for the Pre-K and kindergarten students on November 12th adding the Board of Education will need to obtain several approvals before doing so.

Mr. McCarthy stated the HVAC system has been completely remediated, duct work had all mold removed.

Mr. McCarthy also stated that both staff and students are doing well over at the Manchester schools.

Mr. McCarthy reported that most of the remediation will be covered by the Board of Education's insurance company; however, it will not cover the asbestos abatement adding the Board of Education will be taking out a loan to cover that cost. Mr. McCarthy added the cost of the remediation is approaching one million dollars.

Mr. McCarthy also reported that the Board of Education approved \$248,805.27 in monthly bills with a positive cash balance of \$343,587. Mr. McCarthy added there was one resignation effective December 1st.

Councilwoman Hodges asked if there was any discussion regarding the asbestos about encapsulation versus abatement.

Mr. McCarthy responded there was no discussion about asbestos encapsulation or abatement.

Council President Oglesby reported there was a Public Safety meeting with the fire department this past Monday evening adding there is some difficulty with the time frame of back ground checks and repair orders. Mr. Oglesby went to say the fire department would like to be copied on all vehicle repairs to make sure work is being done.

Councilman Lowe responded he will copy fire department on all repairs.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded when she receives a background check she immediately sends it to the police department for processing.

Mr. Oglesby stated drug test results are taking weeks to come back adding this keeps a fireman off the job for weeks.

Ms. Dugan responded that it is an outside agency that handles the drug testing.

Mr. Oglesby reported that there was an OEM meeting last night adding there was a member, Jose Ortiz, from the Lakewood Response Team adding this was in regards to an active shooter drill. Mr. Ortiz went through a few things for the different response agencies to consider and requested that the agencies come up with policies and guidelines and then at the November meeting have the agencies compare their notes to come up with an overall guideline.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:11 p.m.

Jean Rosti, 800 Cedar Street, questioned the chicken ordinance regarding noise and if a chicken should fly into the neighbor's backyard.

Council President Oglesby responded there will be a chicken advisory board that will be looking over permits, require chicken owners take a training class and responding to any complaints like noise, smell, and not obeying to the ordinance. Mr. Oglesby added the chicken ordinance is for human and chicken safety, and for peace and quiet for the neighbors. Mr. Oglesby went on to say roosters are prohibited but if someone owns one now they will be "grandfather in" and adding if there are three complaints or more, the owner will be required to remove the chickens.

Mr. Oglesby also added a chicken should not fly into a neighbor's yard because they should be in a proper enclosure; if they do, the neighbor can file a complaint.

Jennifer Hubiak, 304 maple Street, stated that the PARCC testing results could be affected by the fact the students can opt out from taking the test.

Mrs. Hubiak also stated that she was also at the Board of Education meeting and she heard the 4-year-old Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be starting on November 12th adding they will occupy the media center and the Pre-K wing.

Councilman McCarthy responded it was the Board of Education's hope to start November 12th and there was a process that had to be completed first.

Municipal Clerk Dugan reminded everyone the Historical Society's Halloween Bash is October 20th at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Halloween Parade is October 27th at 11:00 a.m. and there is a Halloween Decorating Contest for the best decorated home.

Time closed: 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:16 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso
Deputy Municipal Clerk